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State awards training funds to area businesses

Businesses in Belleville, Canton Township, Northville and Romulus will receive state funding to help more than 230 local workers receive the training necessary to gain and retain high-skill, high-wage careers.

> *"This is another reason why Michigan is one of the best states to do business in.*

Statewide, approximately $13.5 million in grants from the second cycle of fiscal year 2023 Going PRO Talent Fund were awarded to nearly 300 Michigan businesses to help approximately 8,500 workers secure employment, industry-recognized credentials and strong wages.

"The Going PRO Talent Fund is an investment in our state's greatest asset - our people - helping them develop the skills they need to advance their careers and build a better life in Michigan," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. "These grants help us put Michiganders first, ensuring paths to good-paying jobs and empowering Michigan businesses to develop the talent they need to compete in the global economy. Let's keep connecting hardworking Michiganders with the training they need to Make it in Michigan."

In Belleville, Neapco was awarded $224,350; in Canton Township Marimba Auto was awarded $46,000 and GNS North America $44,048; in Northville IFlii was awarded $4,000 and in Romulus, Ginosko Modular was awarded $141,485 and Mucci Farms, 81,855.

"For years, Michigan's Going PRO Talent Fund has provided critical funding to local businesses across the state, ensuring they can provide the necessary training to uplift and support Michigan's world-class workforce," said state Rep. Reggie Miller (D-Van Buren Township). "Strengthening our manufacturing sector has never been more important, and this funding for businesses across the state will make all the difference."

The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity makes Going PRO Talent Fund awards to employers through Michigan Works! Agencies (MWAs), including the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance. Participating employers play an integral role in defining their key training needs, then work with their local MWAs and other partners to develop strategic training plans.

"The Going PRO Talent Fund is arguably the best talent development program the State of Michigan has to offer," said David Worthams, director of employment policy for the Michigan Manufacturers Association. "As we get into the next cycle of grants, employers and their employees will see huge strides in new skills that we need as we move into the future of manufacturing in the state. This is another reason why Michigan is one of the best states to do business in."

A step in time

Victorian Festival to begin in Northville tomorrow

Northville will celebrate the history of the community during the annual Victorian Festival set for this weekend, Sept. 22, 23 and 24.

The three-day celebration opens with the Victorian Parade tomorrow evening and continues through Saturday and Sunday. The traditional event includes live music, theatrical performances, Victorian-era re-enactors, educational presentations, craft vendors, duck races and other entertainment.

The festival booths will open from 4 until 9 p.m. tomorrow, Sept. 22 on Main and Center streets. Throughout the weekend, local non-profit, school groups, food trucks, and arts and crafts vendors will be engaging with visitors in the heart of town, providing food and activities.

At 6:30 p.m. tomorrow, the festival will officially begin with the Victorian Parade featuring children and adults all dressed in period attire. The parade will start on West Cady and Wing near the post office travel down East Cady to Hutton, Dunlap to Linden, West Main to Wing and back to the starting point. A map of the route is available on the Northville Chamber of Commerce website.

The Shawn Riley Band will perform at Town Square from 7 until 10 p.m. tomorrow.

This year, officials said there will be no beer tent. Instead, visitors are encouraged to enjoy the expanded social district, The Twist, and meet in downtown Northville at Town Square or on the closed streets at Main and Center. The restaurants and bars in town will be open to help celebrate the event.

Authentic Victorian costumes are a tradition during the Northville Victorian Festival which celebrates the history of the community.

On Saturday, festival booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Town Square stage will feature entertainment all day, with performers ranging from musicians to magicians. At 11 a.m., Magician Jeff Wawrzaszek of A2 Magic, has a comedy/magic show, sponsored by the Northville District Library. At 1 p.m., the Northville Chorale performs. The Switchback Band will perform from 2 until 5 p.m. Northville Folk will play from 7 to 9 p.m. A full schedule of performances is available at the Northville Chamber of Commerce website.

The Eclipse Vintage Baseball team plays at Ford Field at noon on Saturday and at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

From noon until 3 p.m. Sunday, Mill Race Village will offer tours, events and family fun. The spirited duck race begins at 3:30 p.m. Duck sales will take place from noon to 3 p.m. and sell for $5 per duck or a Quack Pack of five for $20. Visit the Mill Race Village website for a schedule of activities.

In downtown Northville on Sunday, festival booths are open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Switchback returns to Town Square stage from noon to 3 p.m.

Plymouth-Canton schools rated among best in nation

Three high schools in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district are ranked among the best in the nation, according to a report from U.S. News and World Report.

According to the list of the best public high schools in the country published by the magazine, Canton, Salem and Plymouth high schools were rated among the top 10 percent. Among Michigan public high schools, Canton High School is ranked No. 21, Salem is 31st and Plymouth is 37th. Michigan has more than 1,700 high schools.

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"We know Plymouth-Canton Community Schools can compete with the best schools anywhere in the nation and it's exciting to see the hard work of our staff, students and parents shine through in these rankings," Plymouth Canton Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Monica L. Merritt said. "As we begin a new school year, we look forward to building on our successes so every student can thrive and succeed in whatever they choose to do."

U.S. News and World Report staff members evaluated nearly 18,000 public high schools at the national, state and local levels and included national and state rankings, plus Best STEM, charter and magnet high schools. The rankings are based on students' scores on state assessment tests for math, reading and science. The top ranked schools also had strong performances among underserved students, robust college readiness programs, extensive curriculum offerings and high graduation rates, according to the publication.

Romulus

Romulus Pumpkin Festival celebrates community

The traditional Rotary Club Festival of Lights opened the 25th Annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival last weekend. Vehicles including bicycles to cement trucks and nearly everything in-between filled the streets to the delight of the large crowds along the parade route. The weekend included live music food, crafts and games and entertainment for all ages, include a classic car show. There were Bingo games and a pancake breakfast served by the Romulus firefighters. In addition, there was a Corn Hole tournament to benefit for the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America and a 5K run and walk.

ROMULUS FALL 2023 CITY WIDE YARD SALE

Participating Addresses

Thurs., Sept 21nd, 2022 - Sun., Sep 24th, 2023

Street #	Street Name	Thurs. 9/21	Fri. 9/22	Sat. 9/23	Sun. 9/24
35675	Abbey Dr.	x	x		x
15983	Aspen Dr.	x	x	x	
31999	Augusta Dr.		x	x	x
38820	Barth			x	
34278	Beverly	x	x	x	x
35276	Beverly	x	x	x	x
34960	Beverly Rd	x	x	x	x
7310	Burton	x	x	x	x
30536	California Ave	x	x	x	x
7755	Canterbury Dr.		x	x	
16288	Cedar Way St.		x	x	x
9296	Chamberlain		x	x	x
9304	Chamberlain	x	x	x	
9405	Chamberlain	x	x	x	
9444	Chamberlain	x	x	x	x
36980	Chase		x	x	x
16640	Christy Ln	x	x	x	x
13250	Cogswell	x	x	x	x
6360	Cogswell	x	x	x	x
9575	Cogswell	x	x	x	
9409	Cogswell	x	x	x	
15311	Colbert	x	x	x	x
15320	Colbert		x	x	x
15718	Colbert		x	x	x
39222	Commons Dr.	x	x	x	x
6380	Cordell		x	x	x
10390	Crossman	x	x	x	x
5932	Crystal Lake Dr.	x	x	x	x
30418	Dorset		x	x	
30645	Dru Ave	x	x	x	x
28445	Ecorse	x	x	x	x
37931	Ecorse	x	x	x	x
6091	Edmund St		x	x	x
7046	El Paso Blvd		x	x	x
6329	Fourth St	x	x		x
11074	Gabriel	x	x	x	x
11088	Gabriel	x	x	x	
32833	Gateway Dr.	x	x	x	x
36940	Grant	x	x	x	
28510	Halecreek	x	x	x	x
30715	Halecreek	x	x	x	x
16131	Hannan		x	x	
11125	Hannan	x	x	x	x
15809	Harrison	x	x	x	x
12751	Harrison	x			
16772	Heather Blvd	x	x	x	x
9034	Heritage		x	x	x
3312	Hillsdale Dr.		x	x	x
6964	Homefield	x	x	x	x
6216	Hyde Park	x	x	x	x
6830	Inkster	x	x	x	x
30161	Kipling		x	x	x
28569	Leroy		x	x	x
28792	Leroy	x	x	x	x
28765	Leroy St.		x	x	x
10134	Miriam	x	x	x	x
36725	Neville		x	x	
28750	Northline	x	x	x	x
16469	Oakbrook			x	
11160	Olive	x	x	x	
9880	Ozga	x	x	x	x
10307	Ozga St.		x	x	x
35721	Park Place	x	x	x	x
36740	Porter			x	x
29060	River Oak			x	x
36511	Romulus	x	x	x	x
32711	Sandpiper Dr.		x	x	x
38598	Seminole Dr.	x	x	x	x
15845	Springhill	x	x	x	x
6244	Swan Lake Dr.		x	x	x
15517	Taft	x	x	x	x
38882	Tempe Dr.	x	x	x	x
38996	Tempe Dr.	x	x	x	x
6047	Tree Tops	x	x	x	x
38701	Valley View Dr.		x	x	x
39626	W Huron River Dr.	x	x	x	x
11071	Wahrman	x	x	x	x
38162	Walnut	x	x	x	
38159	Walnut St.		x	x	x
35795	Wick	x	x	x	x
36739	Wick Rd	x	x	x	x

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CANTON

Such a character

Disney Ice Show performer trained in Canton

Madison DeLuca

While area audiences may not recognize her in the various costumes she wears while bringing Disney characters to life on ice, Madison DeLuca is a familiar face at Arctic Edge ice rink in Canton Township.

DeLuca, now 27, trained at the ice rink for several years during her competitive skating career before joining the performers in Disney On Ice presents Find Your Hero which opens at 7 p.m. tonight, Sept. 21 at Little Caesars Arena.

DeLuca began her skating career at the age of 3, following her older sister. She eventually skated in both regional and sectional competitions and has completed both Senior Free Skate and Senior Moves-in the Field ratings.

Since joining the Disney performers in 2014, she has traveled to 39 countries. The best thing about living on the road, she said, is traveling to so many different cultures. "The worst thing about living on the road is definitely my packing skills, I want to bring everything," she said.

While she said she loves the traveling performances and hearing the applause and seeing "kids dressed up, singing, dancing and waving," it is difficult not being home for the holidays.

One of her fondest memories, she said, is "when my family came to see me the first time I portrayed my first role," she said.

"It can be tough not being with family but knowing when you perform over the holidays that a ticket is some kid's present, and seeing their face light up, it's so rewarding," she said.

Her phone, DeLuca said, is her lifeline to her family in Livonia, with whom she Facetimes every day.

DeLuca hopes to one day become a performance director with Disney while she is currently a line captain "and I love it."

Before joining the ice show, DeLuca was a competitive skater, she said. Her advice to any young people looking for a skating career is to put in the work.

"I would say to work hard to achieve that goal. I believe in them, so they should believe in themselves too."

Disney On Ice presents Find Your Hero skates into Detroit from Sept. 21-24 at Little Caesars Arena. For ticket prices and to purchase tickets visit www.DisneyOnIce.com.

Hot tempered

Canton Police are seeking the identity of the driver of an SUV in connection with an attack on an employee at Tim Horton's on Ford Road near Canton Center Road. The male driver of the vehicle, possibly a Chevy Trailblazer, was a patron at the drive through window of the restaurant at about 6:30 a.m. Sept. 1. According to police reports, after receiving his order, the driver became upset and threw hot coffee on an employee standing inside the building at the drive-through window. Witnesses described the driver as a white male approximately 60 to 70 years of age with disheveled white hair, and a white goatee. Anyone with information regarding the incident or the identity of the driver is asked to phone Canton Police Det. Kelley at (734) 394-5431.

Cherry Hill Village to celebrate 'ARTober'

ARTober is being celebrated at the Village Arts Factory and the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton township.

The one-day arts festival will take place from noon until 5 p.m. Sept. 30 throughout Cherry Hill Village.

The Village Arts Factory, located at 50755 Cherry Hill Road, will host a Youth Art Fair featuring the work of artists ages 8 to 18.

In addition to these promising student artists, the event will also feature resident artisans from the Village Arts Factory, who will also be on site selling their original works providing festival-goers with a chance to peruse and buy one-of-a-kind creations.

Food trucks will also be onsite between the Village Arts Factory and the Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. In addition, a Chalk Art Festival will connect the two facilities.

Individuals of all ages, families, and businesses can purchase a bag of chalk with a designated sidewalk square for a nominal fee to create their own work of street art.

In addition, local chalk artists Tim Cory and Nick Bair will be on hand showcasing their talents as they create vibrant works of chalk art.

Festival-goers will also be able to view the 29th annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition, on display through Oct. 28, in the Gallery at Cherry Hill inside the Village Theater, which showcases a broad range of artistic styles and interpretations in a variety of mediums from emerging and well-established Michigan artists.

Additional activities include a range of engaging fall-themed activities tailored specifically for children, along with refreshments such as cider and donuts. Entry to ARToberfest is free.

For more additional information, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call (734) 394-5300 ext.1305.

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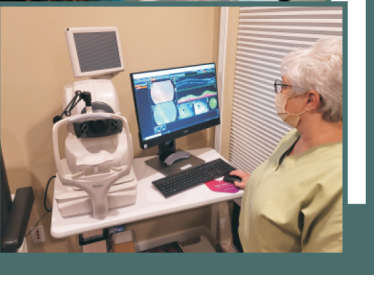

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Northville

New assistant recreation director named

Industry veteran Greg Morris joined the Northville staff of professionals as the assistant Parks & Recreation director last week.

Morris is now responsible for the day-to-day department operations including administration, marketing, event management and customer service. He oversees the recreation division of the department, which will include playing a key role in hiring personnel, cultivating recreation programming and planning special events, according to an official announcement of his hiring.

He joins the management team led by Derek O. Smith, who was named director of Northville Parks & Recreation in July.

Morris' first day was Sept. 13.

"Northville Parks & Recreation has the potential to grow and I am excited to be a part of it," Morris said. "I'm looking forward to meeting residents and working alongside our team to provide programs and events that will make memories for a lifetime."

Morris' career spans 19 years. Most recently he was recreation supervisor at the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services department, where he created budgets for 50 programs a year and was project manager on the rigorous multi-year process of accreditation by the Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), which Northville Parks & Recreation will undergo in the future.

> *I look forward to learning more about the community and working together to enhance the quality of life .*

Prior to Novi, he was the marketing and special events manager for Huron Valley Recreation & Community Education, coordinating 24 special events a year, overseeing the quarterly activity brochure and directing 100 volunteers along with the pools and fitness staff.

Morris began his career as recreation coordinator for the City of Marshall, where he launched 31 programs, including an after-school program for 40 high-risk children ranging from 8-16 years old, a spokesman explained.

During his career, the Central Michigan University graduate also volunteered with the USA Metro Detroit Softball board and the mParks state conference committee. He is both a Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) and a Certified Festival and Event Executive (CFEE).

"Greg's history of creating innovative programs, his leadership ability and his good nature make him an ideal fit for this position," said Smith. "I'm certain this region will benefit from his passion and dedication."

Morris' own recreation passion is golf and volunteering as coach for his son. He also enjoys watching sports and is a fan of all the Detroit professional teams. He currently resides in Commerce Township with his wife of 15 years and their 9-year-old son.

Northville Parks & Recreation is a shared service between the Charter Township of Northville and the City of Northville to jointly operate parks and recreation and senior services.

Northville Parks & Recreation Department provides parks, facilities, programs and services through three divisions. The recreation division hosts programming in special events, youth recreation, camps, teen enrichment, adult recreation, athletics and more. The senior services division provides programming in health and wellness, social, educational, enrichment and events. In addition, it operates a daily curb-to-curb transportation program for adults ages 60+ and people with disabilities. The parks and facilities division is responsible for a variety of neighborhood and community parks and pathways. The parks boast a variety of amenities, such as athletic fields, playgrounds, tennis courts, pavilions, dog parks, pathways/trails, boardwalks and nature areas. Unity Skatepark and a cricket pitch are being built this summer for an anticipated fall opening. Both are at Millennium Park in Northville Township.

Greg Morris

"I'm grateful to work with Director Smith and the rest of the Northville Parks & Recreation team," Morris said. "I look forward to learning more about the community and working together to enhance the quality of life for those who live in, work in and enjoy our community."

Saddle up

Maybury Riding Stable seeking return of horses at park

Efforts to remount one of the most treasured features of Maybury State Park remain unsuccessful after more than two years.

The empty stables and unused guided trails of the horse paths through the 8 miles of wooded park area were formerly one of the most popular and unique attractions at the park. Since the departure of Maybury Riding Stables, the vendor who provided the guided rides through the park for nearly 15 years, no one has taken up the reins to provide the unique horseback experience. The provider housed 20 to 30 riding horses at the park stable and charged riders of all skill levels $60 for about an hour-long ride. A percentage of the revenue from the guided rides was shared with the park to help offset expenses.

The park had provided the rides for nearly 40 years until the COVID pandemic negatively impacted the unique amenity.

According to Park Supervisor Traci Sincock, bids for providing the guided rides will be requested for the fourth time in two years later this month. The trails and staging area are still being used by riders who bring their own horses to enjoy the park, but that traffic has also diminished markedly during the past two years.

Bidders will be responsible for providing the horses, insurance, all tack and equipment, veterinary bills, feed and payroll for the stable hands and guides. Sincock acknowledged that it is a tough business particularly with the rise in costs for feed and other necessary expenses.

The park is located at 49601 Eight Mile Road in Northville. For more information, call (248) 349-8390.

Redesigned entrance signs are installed at city borders

Visitors to Northville will be welcomed by new contemporary signs at key entrances to the historic town.

The new signage incorporates the new city logo and brand, designed by Buzz Bizzell, of North Carolina. The signs have a distinctive raised "Northville" above a swirl pattern, creating a layered effect with the word welcome at the bottom right-hand corner. The colors are lime green and shades of light and medium brown, interspersed with gray. The signs are reflective so they can be seen in the dark, and are constructed of durable, weather-resistant materials, officials said.

ASI Signage of Troy constructed and installed the new signs which replace weathered wooden signs that were dated and in poor repair. The cost of the project was approximately $100,000.

New signs have been installed at Randolph and Eight Mile, and Center and Eight Mile, and on the south side at Center and Seven Mile, and S. Main near the waterwheel. In total, six large welcome signs and 11 city limit signs will be installed. The signs are either pedestal mounted on a brick base or pole mounted. Large signs will be placed at city hall, including new signs for the police department and fire department, and at the city yards on Doheny.

The pedestal signs will be landscaped in the future with a design and plantings by members of the Northville Beautification Commission.

A new Northville entrance sign being installed by Mike Domine, DPW director.

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59. Auctions

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2015 HYUNDAI
KM8JU3AGXFUD5439
2011 HYUNDAI
5XYZG3AB9BG079556
2011 CHRYSLER
1C3BC1FB3BN526678
2003 CHEVROLET
1GNDT135132255915
2003 GMC
1GTGK13423F195615
The above vehicles are impounded through the cities of Romulus and Canton. All paperwork is to be picked up from the city within 48 hours of the sale.
All vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid in full at the time of the conclusion of the auction.

THE FOLLOWING CARS HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED BY THE WESTLAND POLICE DEPT. AND WILL BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC AUCTION AT BISHOP AUTO WRECKING LLC AT 2780 SPRINGHILL INKSTER, MI 48141 ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2023, AT 10AM.

1996 GEO
(2CNBE1368T692279)
2004 PONTIAC
(2G2WS522041126593)
2016 CHEVROLET
(1G1ZB55T6GF269481)

CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
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VEHICLE ARE SOLD AS IS AND MAY BE REMOVED FROM AUCTION PRIOR TO BIDDING.

ALL BIDS START AT AMOUNT SHOWN FOR TOWING AND STORAGE FEES.

2011 DODGE
3D4PG1FG5BT515718
2004 CADILLAC
1G6KD54Y04U201280
2010 FORD
1FAHP3FN0AW160869
2015 CHEVROLET
1GNKRGKD8FJ297598
2008 FORD
3FAHP07138R260598
1994 FORD
1FALP42T4RF146022
2011 FORD
3FAHP0HAXBR130646
2011 FORD
1FAHP3FN2BW134159
2010 JEEP
1J4PS4GK5AC111824
2014 FORD
1FMCU0GX7EUE38353
2013 LEXUS
JTHBK1GG4D2043941
2010 CADILLAC
3GYFNEEY3AS585278
2015 FORD
3FADP4AJ5FM110551
2002 FORD
3FAFP37342R235789
2011 HONDA
2HGFA1F57BH539179
2011 CHEVROLET
1G1PG5S99B7251170
2007 MERCURY
3MEHM08197R626255
2007 SATURN
1G8ZS57N67F170302

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17180 DIX TOLEDO RD
BROWNSTOWN, MI 48193
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10:00 AM
2008 CHEVROLET
3GNDA13D18S524806
2007 CADILLAC
1G6DM57T370163127
2007 MAZDA
JM1BK12F971728348
2008 DODGE
1B3LC46R58N232529
2006 CHEVROLET
1GCFG15X661141966
2004 BMW
5UXFA13564LU32440
2006 CHEVROLET
2G1WM16KX69292891
2019 CHEVROLET
3GNAXXEVXKL223995
2020 FORD
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PLYMOUTH - SUMPTER

New water bill service is approved by trustees

Water bills in Sumpter Township will have a new look beginning next month.

Members of the township board of trustees approved using KCI of Grand Rapids to print and mail the water and sewer bills. KCI currently prints and mails the township tax billings, officials said.

Cost for the service is expected to be $2,500 per quarter for the preparation and postage on the 3,300 water billings prepared quarterly.

Finance Director Scott Holtz explained to the board members that the data and compilation of the billings would continue to be prepared by a township employee and that the township would retain control of the billings. He said this would free up the department employee to provide other services needed in the finance department.

"This isn't skilled work," he said, and indicated that the employee currently preparing the mailings is capable of providing much higher level work, which, he added, is needed.

"This is freeing up an employee's time," he told the board members, noting the printing and preparation of the mailings is a time-consuming job. Outsourcing this aspect of the billing will allow for better use of the employee's time, he explained.

The new billings will be on 8 ½ by 11 inch sheets and will allow the township to include other communications or messages to residents, officials said. The new billings, in mailing envelopes, will replace the currently used postcards.

Trustee Peggy Morgan cast the only no vote on the new procedure.

Showing off

Renown local artist and founder of the Art Foundation is visiting Paris working with young overseas artists. Gilito is a French expatriate from Cape Verde, Africa. Roko has worked with the young artist and accompanied him to visit museums introducing him to classic artwork. Roko will also be working with several other underserved youths and their work will be featured in his Paris exhibition, opening Sept. 28 at La Commanderie du Clos Montmartre. Information is available at the Roko website or Facebook.

Grounded

The historic Courthouse Grille on Plymouth Road was demolished recently to make room for a condominium development planned for the property. A 103-unit luxury apartment will be built on the site of the beloved restaurant. The project will be partially funded with a State of Michigan EGLE (Environment, Great Lakes and Energy) grant and loan. Officials said the site is contaminated with metals and petroleum compounds and has debris in the ground left over from use as a landfill prior to 1930. The state awarded a $535,000 Brownfield Redevelopment Grant to install a vapor mitigation system and a separate $1 million EGLE Brownfield Redevelopment Loan will be used to offset the cost of special deeper foundations needed on the land. The redevelopment will connect the property to Hines Park and the Middle Rouge Parkway. The development is scheduled to be finished in December 2025, according to plans. Officials said the new project "will further rejuvenate the Plymouth Road corridor along with park access and connectivity with Old Village and job creators on Haggerty" Road. The long-rumored ghosts in the building did not make an appearance during the demolition, according to reports at the site.

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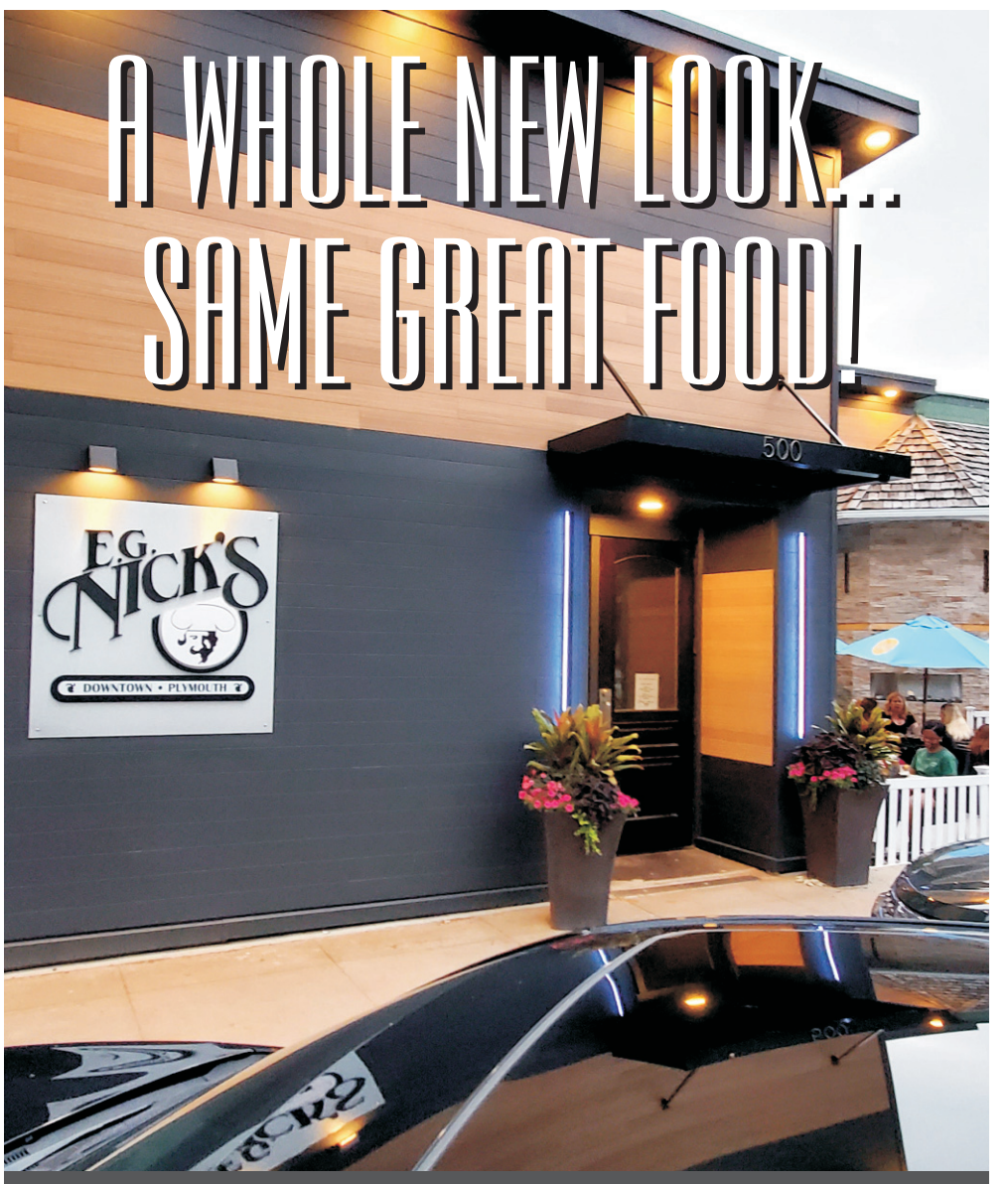

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State grant to fund drivers ed program

Wayne-Westland Community Schools will be in the driver's seat of a new training system funded by a $250,000 state grant.

The State of Michigan awarded the through an award of $250,000 to support an innovative Driver's License Pilot Program.

This initiative aims to empower students with essential life skills and enhance future opportunities by giving them access to driver's education, officials said.

The pilot program will offset the high cost of driver's education and help break down barriers for Wayne-Westland Community Schools' students seeking a driver's license.

The new training system and funding ensures all eligible students can obtain a driver's license, school officials explained.

"This is a win for Wayne-Westland. This program will have a lasting impact on our students and our community," said Dr. John Dignan, superintendent of Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

"Access to driver's education will empower our students with more independence, employment opportunities and personal growth, he concluded.

Future fans

Wayne Westland Community Schools district elementary students were invited to Wayne Memorial High School last week to join the Youth Night festivities. Excitement buzzed as the young students eagerly formed a welcoming line to greet the high school football team. The team faced Fordson High School in a league game which ended in a disappointing loss, 33 to 7.

Bomb successfully defused in Wayne

The Detroit Metro Airport Bomb Squad was called to Wayne last week to defuse a homemade bomb found in the wheel well of a truck parked on Gloria Street between Annapolis and Clinton Street.

Wayne police were called to the site at about 3:34 p.m. Sept. 10 in response to a call concerning a suspicious package discovered in the vehicle. Responding officers called the airport bomb squad and experts responded immediately, according to police reports. Residents were asked to evacuate the area during the incident.

Explosive specialists determined the device to be a credible threat and defused the potential explosive on site. Police said there was no danger to nearby residents who were evacuated for several hours.

"The investigation is ongoing, and we are working in cooperation with the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) and ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Explosives). The safety of our residents is a priority, and we appreciate the quick response of our law enforcement partners," Wayne police said in a news release.

"The safety of our residents is our utmost priority and we extend our gratitude for the swift response and professionalism displayed by our law enforcement partners," the release continued.

Anyone with any information related to the incident is asked to call the Wayne police detective bureau.

"Your cooperation and assistance are vital to ensuring a thorough and effective investigation into this matter. The Wayne Police Department remains dedicated to maintaining the security and peace of mind of our community members," the statement concluded.

Veteran's meals sponsored

While Halloween pumpkins and decorations are beginning to appear throughout the community, Wayne and Westland officials have Thanksgiving on their minds.

Westland Mayor Michael Londeau, Wayne Mayor John Rhaesa and Wayne Ford Civic League President Vic Barra are already planing the 10th Annual Holiday Meals for Wayne-Westland veterans, surviving spouses, and families of active duty service members.

Registration for the free meals is already being accepted and suggested, officials said. Registration is available online at: https://www.cityofwestland.com/.../Holiday-Meals-for... or contact Londeau's office, (734) 467-3200 or email: mayor@cityofwestland.com. Registration is also available at Rhaesa's office, (734) 722-2000 or email: JRhaesa@cityofwayne.com. Registration forms are also available at the Westland City Hall greeter station.

Applications must be submitted no later than noon Wednesday, Nov. 15 to receive a complete holiday meal, "compliments of a grateful community," officials said.

Veterans and/or their families can pick up the free meals from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18 at Wayne Ford Civic League 1645 N. Wayne Road in Westland. Pre-registration for the meals is required.

For more information, call (734) 728-5010.

Library program continues

The Leanna Hicks Public Library will present a lecture in the continuing mental health series from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30.

The presentation will include topics including engaging in discussions on mental health and the effects on relationships. Attendees will learn practical techniques to manage stress and gain insights into trauma recovery, presenters said.

The workshop will also include deep breathing techniques for stress reduction and a discussion on unaddressed childhood trauma, healing and moving forward.

The workshop is free, and more information is available at InksterLibrary.org. or call (313) 563-2822.

The library is located at 2500 Hamlin Dr. In Inkster.

Water remains unsafe

Water from residential taps in the City of Wayne remains contaminated with high levels of lead, according to inspectors from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Wayne residents should continue to put lead filters on home water faucets and consider having children tested for lead in their blood following levels of the neurotoxin found in city water supplies.

Filters are available between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Wayne Department of Public Works, 35200 Forest Ave. in Wayne.